

County News and Views

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From the Office of Fifth District Supervisor Jerry Eaves

"Spay Day USA 2002"

February 26th, 2002 is Spay Day USA. Created by the Doris Day Animal Foundation in 1995, Spay Day USA is a national campaign to encourage each American to help solve the country's severe pet overpopulation problem by having at least one cat or dog spayed or neutered. Currently, shelter workers are forced to kill an estimated five million homeless cats and dogs each year – that's one every six seconds.

I need your help in putting an end to the needless suffering of homeless animals. Unwanted cats and dogs are everyone's problem. Please help put an end to the suffering by having an animal spayed or neutered.

This year the San Bernardino Animal Care and Control Program has 70 local veterinarians who have agreed to participate in the new Spay and Neuter Voucher Program. This program is available to all residents of the unincorporated areas of San Bernardino County.

Spay and neuter vouchers have a maximum value of \$50 for dogs and \$25 for cats. The pet owner is responsible for any charges that go above these amounts. When pet owners receive the vouchers they will also receive a list of the local veterinarians in their area that are participating in the voucher program. The pet

program. The pet owner must then present this voucher to one of those veterinarians who will then perform the spay or neuter surgery.

I want to encourage each citizen of San Bernardino County to support Spay Day USA. Our combined efforts will make a difference for the cats and dogs we all love.

If you have questions, need more information, or want to find out if you qualify for the voucher program or any other spay/neuter program, please call 1-877-447-6726.

The San Bernardino Valley Humane Society has a mobile spay/neuter van. The van will be at the Muscoy Grange, 2162 Darby Street adjacent to the fire station on February 11, 12, 13 and 14. A clinic is also planned for the commercial center at Baseline and Medical Center Drive on March 11, April 2 and April 23. To make an appointment to have your pet spayed or neutered call 909-882-4205. Limited financial assistance may be available to you, too.

There are benefits to having your pet spayed or neutered. These include reduced cost for dog licensing, reduces males from marking territory or "spraying", prevents uterine infections and cancer in female dogs and cats, reduces the risk of prostate problems and testicular cancer in males, reduces your pet's desire to stray from home and rids you of the problems of what to do with unwanted litters of puppies and kittens.

There are simply not enough homes for all the puppies and kittens born. It's your decision to have them spayed/neutered or kill them.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

San Bernardino Valley Humane Society Low Cost Spay and Neuter Van
February 18, 19, 20 and 21 at the Muscoy Grange, 2162 Darby Street
February 25, 26, 27 and 28 at the former Stater Brothers at 40th and Waterman in San Bernardino
Call (909) 882-4205 for an appointment and more information.

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